



Biddenham

International School & Sports College

Principal: Mr David Bailey

Head of School: Ms Eleanor Grylls

21st August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: September Re-opening

We hope this letter finds you safe and well. Over the summer we have continued to work to prepare the school for reopening in September and wanted to give a brief update on how the first few days of term will be organised, followed by more detailed information next week.

As previously confirmed in our end of term letter, our new Year 7 students will start school on Friday 4th September and will be in full time from that point. The school day for Year 7 will start at 7.55am and finish at 2.20pm. This will allow us to welcome our new students properly to the Biddenham family and give them the time and space to get to know each other and their new school.

In our planning for a full return of all year groups, we are prioritising the health and wellbeing of students and staff, teaching and learning, the curriculum and the routines of the school day. This will require that different year groups have different timings to their day, designated areas for breaks and lunch times, follow a carefully planned one way system and learn about the new hygiene and health routines.

In a change from our original plan, we feel that in order to welcome students back properly each year group should have some time in school on their own to get used to the new routines. Every year group will have an allocated induction session of two hours each on Monday 7th September and Tuesday 8th September.

- Induction for years 8, 9 and 10 will be on Monday 7th September.
- Induction for years 11, 12 and 13 will be on Tuesday 8th September.

Next week we will be sending out the specific details of timings of induction sessions, staggered timings for year groups and safety measures.

At this point in time we are still awaiting updated guidance from the government, and it is possible that arrangements change in light of this. We thank you for your patience and understanding and look forward to seeing all of our students very soon.

Warm regards,

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